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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Last line, please delete "To be published together with FIG 2"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (*Amended*) A method of payment of goods and services in an electronic commerce system, [utilising] utilizing at least a customer agent [(201)] and a merchant agent [(200)], at least one account manager [(202,204)] associated with said agents for administration of customer accounts and merchant accounts, and at least a mediating trusted agent [(203)] associated with one of said account managers [(204)] and said merchant agent [(200)] for checking transactions, for purchases made by a customer from a merchant,